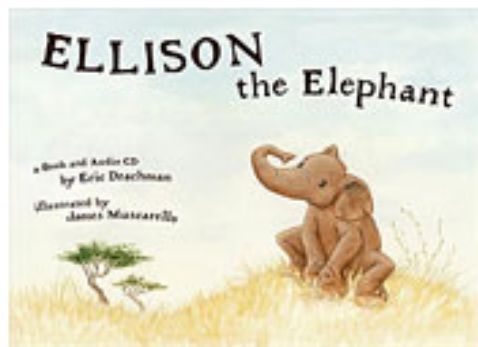




## When I Was An Elephant

From Benjamin Drachman, 4th Grade Student



My uncle, **Eric Drachman**, just published two picture books, *Ellison the Elephant* and *It's Me!* Each book has an audio CD and my voice is on both! I play Ellison, a little elephant who can't make a trumpet sound. My character in *It's Me* is the obnoxious

brother—I was a natural! My sister **Rebecca**, a kindergarten student here at UCDS, plays Edna the Elephant.

Recording was really fun but it was also hard work because you need to say the words just right. I had to say some lines as many as 20 times! When I was 7, I did the recording for Eric's first book, *Leo the Lightening Bug*; I played Leo. It's neat being the main character in *Leo* and *Ellison*.



Rebecca and I enjoyed working with uncle Eric. Now that the books are published, it's good to be able to look back on all the work we did and see how well it came out. If you are ages 4-8 and like books about overcoming obstacles (with a little comedy), you might enjoy reading Eric's books and hearing the CDs. You can check them out of the UCDS library. For more information, go to [www.kidwick.com](http://www.kidwick.com).

